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SUBJECT: INNER-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS

REFS: (A) BONN 17296; (B) USBERLIN 2143

SUMMARY: FRG BONN GROUP REP HAS PAINTED PESSIMISTIC

PICTURE RE INNER-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS.

NON-PRODUCTIVE OCTOBER 22 GAUS-SCHLIMPER MEETING COUPLED

WITH SEEMING STALEMATE IN STUTTGART RAILWAY SCHEDULE

NEGOTIATIONS UNDERSCORE THIS ASSESSMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN OCTOBER 23 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (LUECKING)

BRIEFED ALLIES ON OCTOBER 22 GAUS-SCHLIMPER

MEETING AND STUTTGART RAILWAY SCHEDULE TALKS. NO

PROGRESS WAS VISIBLE IN EITHER FORUM, AND LUECKING

STATED THE SITUATION IS " PESSIMISTIC."

2. LUECKING SAID THAT SCHLIMPER OPENED OCTOBER 22

MEETING BY STATING THE GDR WAS INTERESTED IN A

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QUICK CONCLUSION TO THE NEGOTIATIONS; HOWEVER,

SCHLIMPER REITERATED THAT THE GDR COST ESTIMATES FOR THE BERLIN-HELMSTEDT AUTOBAHN AND BERLIN RING WERE NON-NEGOTIABLE AND MUST SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. AT THIS POINT GAUS ASKED FOR A MEETING "UNTER 4 AUGEN;" SCHLIMPER AGREED.

3. IN THE PRIVATE DISCUSSION GAUS COMPLAINED ABOUT THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE STUTTGART NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THAT SCHMIDT HAD RECEIVED CERTAIN ASSURANCES FROM HONECKER AT HELSINKI, THAT THESE HAD NOT BEEN RESPECTED BY THE GDR, AND THAT GAUS WANTED HIS REMARKS CONVEYED TO THE GDR GOVERNMENT. SCHLIMPER SAID HE WOULD PASS ALONG GAUS' REMARKS.

4. LUECKING ADDED HE HAD RECEIVED WORD THAT ON OCTOBER 22 THE STUTTGART DISCUSSIONS WERE ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE. THE FRG DELEGATION HAD TOLD THEIR GDR COUNTERPARTS THAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO SEE THE NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN IF THE GDR COULD NOT BE MORE FORTHCOMING. THE GDR DELEGATION SAID IT WOULD REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AND LATER INFORMED THE FRG IT WAS PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSIONS ON OCTOBER 23.

5. RETURNING TO THE GAUS-SCHLIMPER TALKS, LUECKING REPORTED THAT GAUS SAID IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT IF COSTS COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED. GAUS SAW NO REASON TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSIONS AND PROPOSED A NOVEMBER 11 MEETING. SCHLIMPER DID NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF A THREE WEEK DELAY IN THE DISCUSSIONS, AND ASKED IF IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO MEET SOONER. GAUS REPLIED HE WAS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS, BUT NO OTHER DATE WAS AGREED UPON.

6. COMMENT: LUECKING'S COMMENTARY UNDERSCORES PESSIMISTIC PICTURE REPORTED IN REFTELS. IT APPEARS THAT INNER-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS FACE SOME VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS, AND THAT BOTH THE FRG AND GDR WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME IMPORTANT POLITICAL DECISIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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